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PREDICTION DETERMINATION

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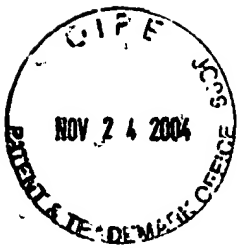
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks.

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